



SUB-COMMITTEE ON
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AND SEARCH
AND RESCUE -
5th session
Agenda item 1

COMSAR 5/1
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the fifth session of the Sub-Committee
to be held at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment,
London SE1 7SR, commencing on Monday,
11 December 2000, at 9.30 a.m.***

- Opening of the session
- 1 Adoption of the agenda
 - 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
 - 3 Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
 - .1 matters relating to the GMDSS Master Plan
 - .2 operational and technical co-ordination provisions of Maritime Safety Information (MSI) services
 - .3 review of the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO MSI Manual
 - .4 harmonization of GMDSS requirements for radio installations on board SOLAS ships
 - 4 Development of criteria for general communications
 - 5 ITU maritime radiocommunication matters
 - .1 Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group 8
 - .2 ITU World Radiocommunication Conference
 - 6 Satellite services (Inmarsat and COSPAS-SARSAT)
 - 7 Emergency radiocommunications: false alerts and interference

* Subject to appropriate decisions by A 21 and MSC 72.

- 8 Matters concerning search and rescue, including those related to the 1979 SAR Conference and the introduction of the GMDSS
 - .1 harmonization of aeronautical and maritime search and rescue procedures, including SAR training matters
 - .2 plan for the provision of maritime SAR services, including procedures for routing distress information in the GMDSS
 - .3 revision of the IAMSAR Manual
- 9 IMO Standard Maritime Communication Phrases
- 10 Development of guidelines for ships operating in ice-covered waters
- 11 Work programme and agenda for COMSAR 6
- 12 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2001
- 13 Any other business
- 14 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

Notes:

1 In accordance with the Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the MSC and the MEPC and their subsidiary bodies (MSC/Circ.931/MEPC/Circ.366):

- .1 documents should be received in the Secretariat as follows:
 - (a) documents (including information documents) containing more than 6 pages of text (bulky documents), by 8 September 2000. As a general rule, documents, other than information documents, should not contain more than 50 pages. In the case of reports from working, drafting and correspondence groups and in other exceptional circumstances, this number of pages may be exceeded, provided that the aforementioned deadline is put back by one week for every 20 pages exceeding 50 pages;
 - (b) non bulky documents (including information documents), by 6 October 2000; and
 - (c) documents commenting on those referred to in subparagraph (a) above containing 4 pages or less, by 20 October 2000. These documents should start with a paragraph clearly indicating the document on which comments are made and stating that the document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 46.5 of the aforementioned Guidelines;
- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, be as concise as possible and:
 - (a) all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with appendix 5 of the above-mentioned Guidelines;

- (b) substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action which the Sub-Committee is invited to take; and
 - (c) information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein; and
- .3 to facilitate the processing of documents, they should be accompanied by computer diskettes, preferably in either WordPerfect or MicrosoftWord, where available, or sent via the Internet as text or in WordPerfect or in MicrosoftWord to IMO's e-mail address "info@imo.org", in which case hard copies of the documents should also be sent by mail or facsimile.

2 The MSC recommended the sub-committees to strictly observe the above provisions of the aforementioned Guidelines which, *inter alia*, provide that the Secretariat should strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Governments or delegations.
